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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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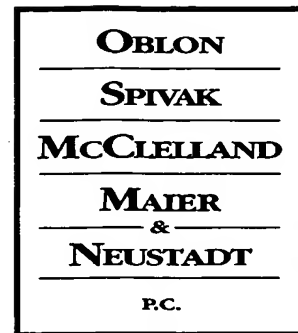


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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/728,896

Applicants: Masanori SAITOH, et al.
Filing Date: December 8, 2003
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
Group Art Unit: 2852
Examiner: Brase, Sandra L.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency
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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY

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SIR:

In response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency mailed April 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

Application No. 10/720,896

Reply to Notice of Drawing Inconsistency mailed April 19, 2006

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 9A-1 and 9B-1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 9A-2 and 9B-2, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 9A-1 and 9B-1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this amendment, Fig. 9A-1 and 9B-1, second occurrence, are correctly labeled 9A-2 and 9B-2.

Applicants believe that all formal requirements are satisfied and the application is in condition for issuance.

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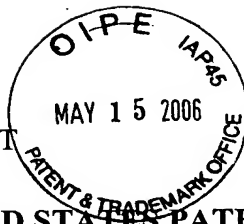
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LETTER SUBMITTING REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEET(S)

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SIR:

Responsive to the below indicated communication, the following drawing sheets are submitted herewith:

- ☒ 1 Replacement Drawing Sheets ☐ _____ New Drawing Sheets
- ☐ Official Action dated April 19, 2006
- ☐ Notice of Allowance/Issue Fee dated _____
- ☒ Other Notice of Drawing Inconsistency dated April 19, 2006

The changes and/or modifications made include the following:

Replacement sheet includes Fig. 9A-2 and 9B-2. This sheet, which includes Fig. 9A-1 and 9B-1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 9A-1 and 9B-1.

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